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Degree granted; goal attained

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The saying "Do as I say, not as I do" doesn't hold true for Natalie Kurtin and her three children any longer when it comes to a college education.

The full-time accounting coordinator for the city of Southfield now has a college degree of her own, years after telling her three children about the importance of getting a college degree.

Kurtin, who lives in Farmington Hills, received her bachelor of science

in Business Administration degree from Mercy College of Detroit's Weekend College in December.

"I have two children with several degrees and one boy in college. They grew up knowing they would go to college. I decided it was time for me to get into the act, too," said the former Southfield resident of 20 years.

The only way she was able to get her degree, however, was to enroll in Mercy's Weekend College.

"If Mercy didn't have their weekend program where I could go on Saturday,

I don't think I would have gone back to college. I just didn't have time. The Saturday classes are great for individuals who are employed," Kurtin said.

SHE BEGAN working for the city of Southfield as an accounting clerk in 1965. "I was lucky," she said. "I was able to work my way up in the accounting department without a college degree."

But that didn't stop the 58-year-old Kurtin from wanting to get a degree of her own.

"I decided it was time to make a goal of going back to college and completing a program. I had attended college when I got out of high school but it wasn't thought to be important then for women to get their degrees," she re-

called. "My family didn't encourage me to finish college."

Her husband and children lent a lot of support to Kurtin in her pursuit of a college degree.

"They were all wonderful. My husband, Burton, doesn't have a degree but he certainly encouraged me to get mine," Kurtin said.

Weekend College classes allow students to meet five times a semester with two Saturdays between each session. They supplement class work with directed studies.

Mercy's weekend students get many of the same benefits as full-time students. They can use Mercy's library and media resources. They also are eligible for financial aid.

Weekend College classes are offered for the fall, winter, and summer sessions.

Magazine searches for new cover girl

Hudson's, the exclusive headquarters for Seventeen magazine's cover model contest, will hold a preliminary contest in Hudson's Northland Monday, March 26.

The cover model search was launched by Seventeen to celebrate its 40th birthday, with the new face to appear on the September 1984 issue. The contest is open to young women between the ages of 13 and 21.

Each Hudson's store will distribute and collect cover model applications until March 1. Initial screening by selected Hudson's personnel will produce 10 representatives from each store.

Those representatives, 200 total, will gather for the 3 p.m. preliminary competition at Northland. Among the judges

will be fashion writer Chuck Bennett, Hudson's director of publicity and events Gretchen Snow, photographer Curt Grantham, and Northland marketing director Nimrod Rosenbhal. They will choose 10 semifinalists, whose entries will be sent to Seventeen for national judging.

The magazine's editors will then choose eight national finalists from 200 semifinalists. The finalists will win all-expense-paid trips to New York in May 1984 for photography sessions with leading New York fashion photographers. All eight finalists will appear in Seventeen's "Happy Birthday" issue. The grand prize winner will appear on the cover and also will win a Pontiac Fiero.

Chrysanthemum Society launches spring sale

The Greater Detroit Chrysanthemum Society, eager to promote the growing of chrysanthemums in Michigan, have assembled a large assortment for the buyer's consideration in its 1984 catalogue.

The society has been lauding the beauty of mums for more than 27 years in Michigan.

Members say some of the varieties offered in the catalogue are new, but most have been proven to grow well in

this area. The catalog lists 108 cultivars, and all of the plants on sale have been rooted and potted by the nation's best growers.

The plant catalogue will be mailed by sending a 20-cent stamp, name and address, to Edwin M. Siesak, 33415 Rayburn, Livonia 48154. All details, prices and dates for pick-up are listed in the catalogue, along with special discounts offered for orders received before March 15.



RANDY BORST/staff photographer

Costume count high in the showmanship part of the score for chorus competition. Gloria Newlin (standing) and Joanne Frabrizio model the red, black and silver gowns designed to correspond to their repertoire that Farmington Hills Sweet Adelines wore when they took a first-place prize in Johnny Mann's Great American Festival. The chorus competed in the adult community choreographed division of the festival.

Sweet Adelines win another first

Farmington Hills Sweet Adelines sang and danced their way to another first-place spot, this time in Johnny Mann Great American Choral Festival's "adult community choreographed division."

Led by Joanne Frabrizio, the award-winning woman's chorus took the cash award in competition with groups within the Michigan and Ohio region. The singers are now automatic contenders for the national finals, set for May in Columbus, Ohio.

Other first-place regional winners from the Detroit area who will be competing in the national festival are Wayne State University Men's Glee Club, under the direction of Dr. Harry Langford, and Perfect Blend, a girl's

quartet from Oakland University. The Farmington Hills chorus is a four-time medalist chorus in Sweet Adelines' Region 2, which comprises most of Michigan and all of western Ontario. It is one of 32 choruses in the region and one of 744 chapters in the world.

Sweet Adelines International promotes the American folk art of four-part barbershop harmony.

The month of May will be a particularly demanding time for the local singers.

In addition to competing in the Johnny Mann Festival, they will be competing in the 1984 Sweet Adelines regionals, May 4-6 in Kitchener-Waterloo, Ont.



In Orchestra Hall

Leslie Abella (at left) of Southfield and Allison Frontier of Farmington are two young musicians who will be playing in Orchestra Hall Sunday, when Metropolitan Youth Symphony marks its premiere performance in the acoustically perfect auditorium. The concert begins at 3 p.m. when the symphony, concert and string orchestra of the symphony will perform. Orchestra Hall's box office number is 633-3700.

Musicale's competition under way

Farmington Musicale's piano, instrumental and vocal competitions for 1984 have begun. Deadline for filing applications has been set for March 15.

The annual spring event is open to all young musicians, from seventh to 12th graders, who attend school here or live in the Farmington Public School District.

The piano competition is set for Monday, April 2, in Nardin Park United Methodist Church.

Instrumentalist and vocalist will compete Saturday, April 14, in Harrison High School's music suite.

The aim of the competition is to recognize individual talent in performance, as well as to aid the students' musical growth.

THE STREY-MCCALLUM Awards for piano students will be given to first- and second-place winners in three age divisions. The awards are from \$25 to \$200. The awards are made in memory to two former members of the club, both pianists.

First-, second- and third-place winners in three age divisions in the instrumental and vocal competition will receive from \$25 to \$200.

Honorable mentions also will be awarded in both competitions.

Last year's eighth- to 10th-grade winners may compete in this year's competition. Other winners must wait until they have entered the next grade category.

All of this year's winners will per-

form in a public recital, set for the evening of Thursday, May 17, in the Farmington Hills Branch Library.

Applications, which spell out all the details, will be mailed on request by calling Ruth Carmon, 476-2697, or Barbara Grover, 553-7218. The winners will also answer any questions about the music scholarship competition.

Support group for amputees under way

A support group for amputees will get under way at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 14 in the Wright Plaza Building, 2845 Crooks Road, Rochester.

The new group is composed of people who responded to a feature article about Beverly Cornell published in the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers about the need for amputees to support one another.

After the loss of one leg, Cornell said she found herself with many experiences and feelings her doctors couldn't help her with because they had never gone through this themselves. After some calling around in search for a support group, she found there wasn't any in the metropolitan area.

Her hope for the new group is to "get the network attitudes and feelings turned into positive ones," she said.

Cornell is a Farmington Hills resident who serves on the boards of Michigan National Wheelchair Association and Woodbrook Hills Swim and Tennis Club. In mid-February she made news by winning five gold medals in the Michigan Wheelchair Athletic Association state regional finals at Wayne State University.

Messiah she is helping her doctors in gathering material on phantom pain. She will take inquiries by calling her at 553-6974.

Making school smoother for the mature student

The Women's Resource Center's Re-Entry Network at Schoolcraft College is designed to make the transition of returning to school smoother for the mature student.

The network offers a drop-in opportunity to talk informally with each

other, share information and develop networks for common interest from noon to 1 p.m. in the college's Upper Waterman Center.

For additional information on the Re-Entry Network, call the Women's Resource Center at 591-6400, ext. 430.

Wagon to be given away

Radio station WMJC "Magic," Bonanza Restaurants and the Greater Detroit Chrysler-Plymouth Dealers will give away a Plymouth Voyager "Magic Wagon" and an all-expense-paid round-trip in the vehicle to Disney World in Orlando, Fla.

To be eligible for the "Magic Wagon Bonanza," those 21 years or older can fill out an entry form until March 18 at any Detroit area Chrysler-Plymouth dealership, any Bonanza Restaurant, or send a post card with their name, address and telephone number to "Magic

Wagon Bonanza," WMJC, One Radio Plaza, Detroit 48220.

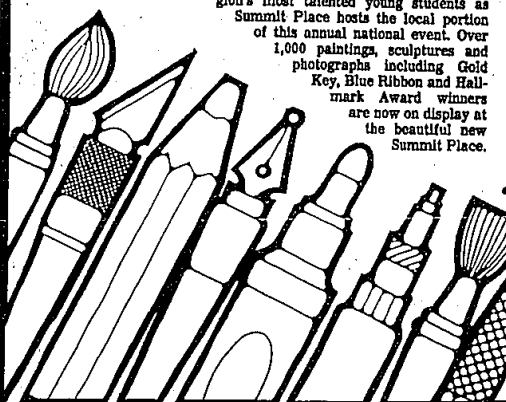
During the week of March 13-19, 63 contest finalists will be drawn and will receive a dinner for four at any Bonanza Restaurant and four tickets to the Ice Capades March 22 with a pizza party in the Olympia Room of Joe Louis Arena prior to the Ice Capades show. The contest winner will be drawn during the party.

Along with the Magic Wagon and trip, the prize includes gas money, hotel accommodations, and \$300 spending money.

Southeastern Michigan Scholastic Art Awards

thru March 11

Enjoy the artistic achievements of the region's most talented young students as Summit Place hosts the local portion of this annual national event. Over 1,000 paintings, sculptures and photographs including Gold Key, Blue Ribbon and Hallmark Award winners are now on display at the beautiful new Summit Place.



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